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FOI Request

Dear Ms. Reed:

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 5 552, I request access to and copies of any material relating to Project Sapphire. I am a reporter with the Lynchburg News & Advance and plan to write a series on the operation.

The project involved removing about 600 kilograms of highly-enriched uranium from Kazakhstan in 1994. The material was then brought to the Oak Ridge, Tenn. Y-12 plant. It was then downblended into nuclear fuel at BWX Technologies, which is located in Campbell County, Va. by the border of the city of Lynchburg.

The project was completed by 2001, so I would like all documents relating to the operation, including events leading up to its removal in 1994 through events occurring at BWX Technologies as it attempted to process the material through 2001.

I would like any e-mails, memos, letters, environmental or other documents that your agency sent or received concerning Project Sapphire and the operations at Y-12 and BWX Technologies during that period.

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency has a description of the project on its Web site, and an Internet search will give you more information on the project.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$50. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will significantly contribute to public understanding of government operations and activities — particularly at a time when nonproliferation efforts are crucial to keeping nuclear weapons from terrorists.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to the specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request. I look forward to your reply within 20 business days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays), as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.
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